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I'M WITH THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY, WHO ARE HOT ON THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS ROBBER.

ACTUALLY, Ms. GARCIA, IT'S *ROBBERS!*

CHAOTIX DETECTIVE

MULTIPLE SUSPECTS?

YOU BET!

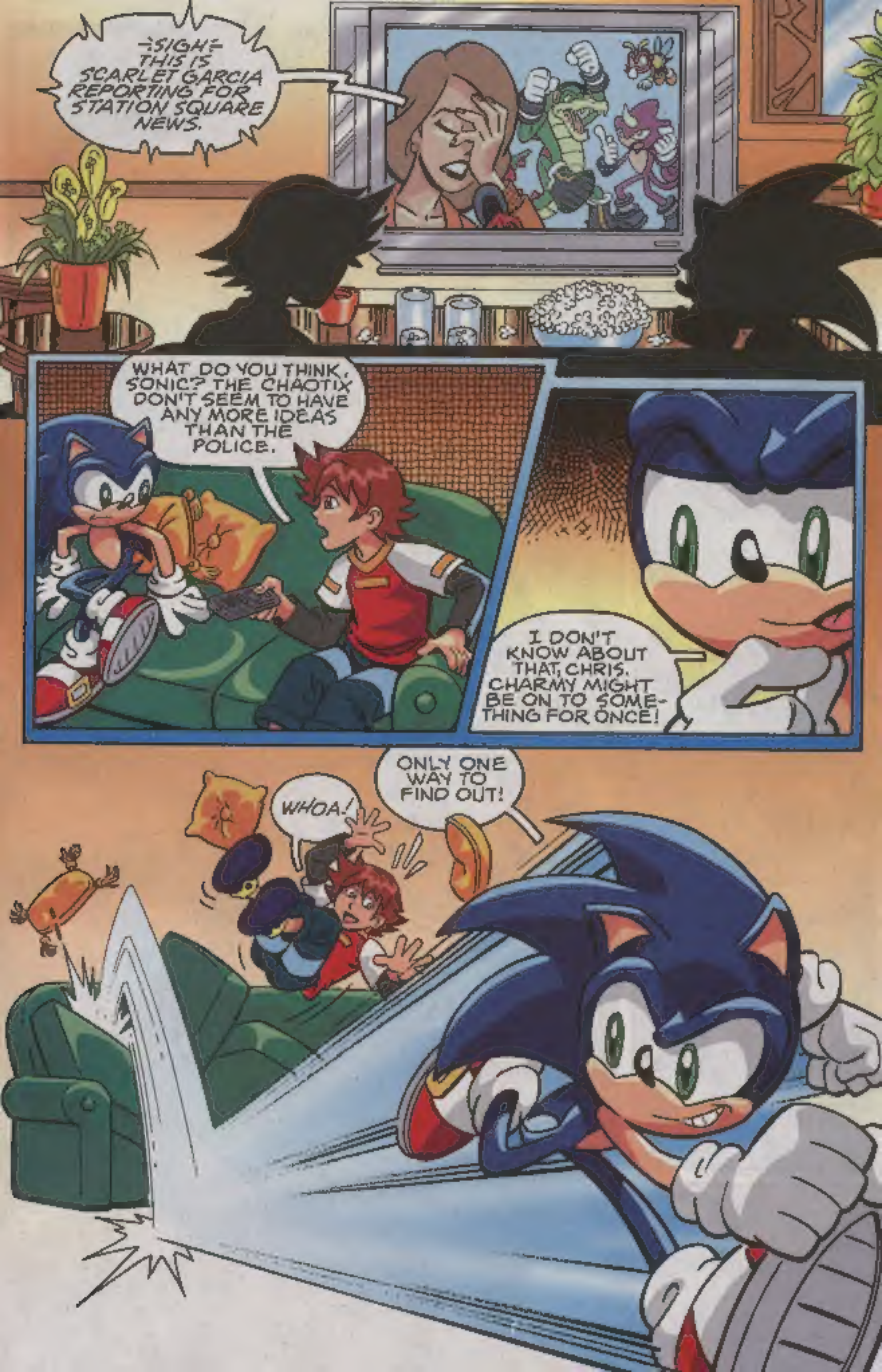
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE WORK OF IDENTICAL QUADRUPLETS WHO ARE USING THEIR SIMILAR LOOKS TO THROW OFF THE POLICE!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CAREER COUNSELOR WHO IS MAKING A MISGUIDED ATTEMPT AT PROMOTING VARIOUS JOBS.

I THINK IT'S DR. EGGMAN IN DISGUISE!

BUT WHY ALL THE COSTUMES?

I DON'T KNOW!


-SIGH- THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA REPORTING FOR STATION SQUARE NEWS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, SONIC? THE CHAOTIX DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MORE IDEAS THAN THE POLICE.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, CHRIS. CHARMY MIGHT BE ON TO SOMETHING FOR ONCE!
WHOA!
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

I'LL JUST GO TO EGGMAN'S BASE AND ASK HIM. THIS SHOULD BE FUN!
WHOA! WHAT'S THIS?!
AVAYST THAIR! PREPARE TO BE PLOONDERED BY AGGMAN DER TERRIBLE!

NICE RUBBER SWORD, DOC. WHAT'S THE DEAL?

YUMPING YIMMENY! YOU'RE IMPERVIOUS TO MY WHEE-PONRY!

AGGMAN NAIVER SURRENDERS!

WOOHOOHOOHO

...WHAT?

I'VE NEVER SEEN EGGMAN GET SO INTO HIS ACT. IT'S ALMOST LIKE HE BELIEVED HE WAS... NAH! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
FWEEEEE
KA
B
OOM
YOW!
AVAST THERE, ME HEARTY! YO-HO!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME...

AT LEAST YOU GOT YOUR BOAT IN THE WATER THIS TIME! I'LL BET YOUR SWORD IS STILL RUBBER, THOUGH!

ARRR!

SAY THAT TO ME FACE, YA CARBUNCLE!

ALL HANDS OFF-DECK!

I'VE BEEN SCUTTLED!

SMASH!

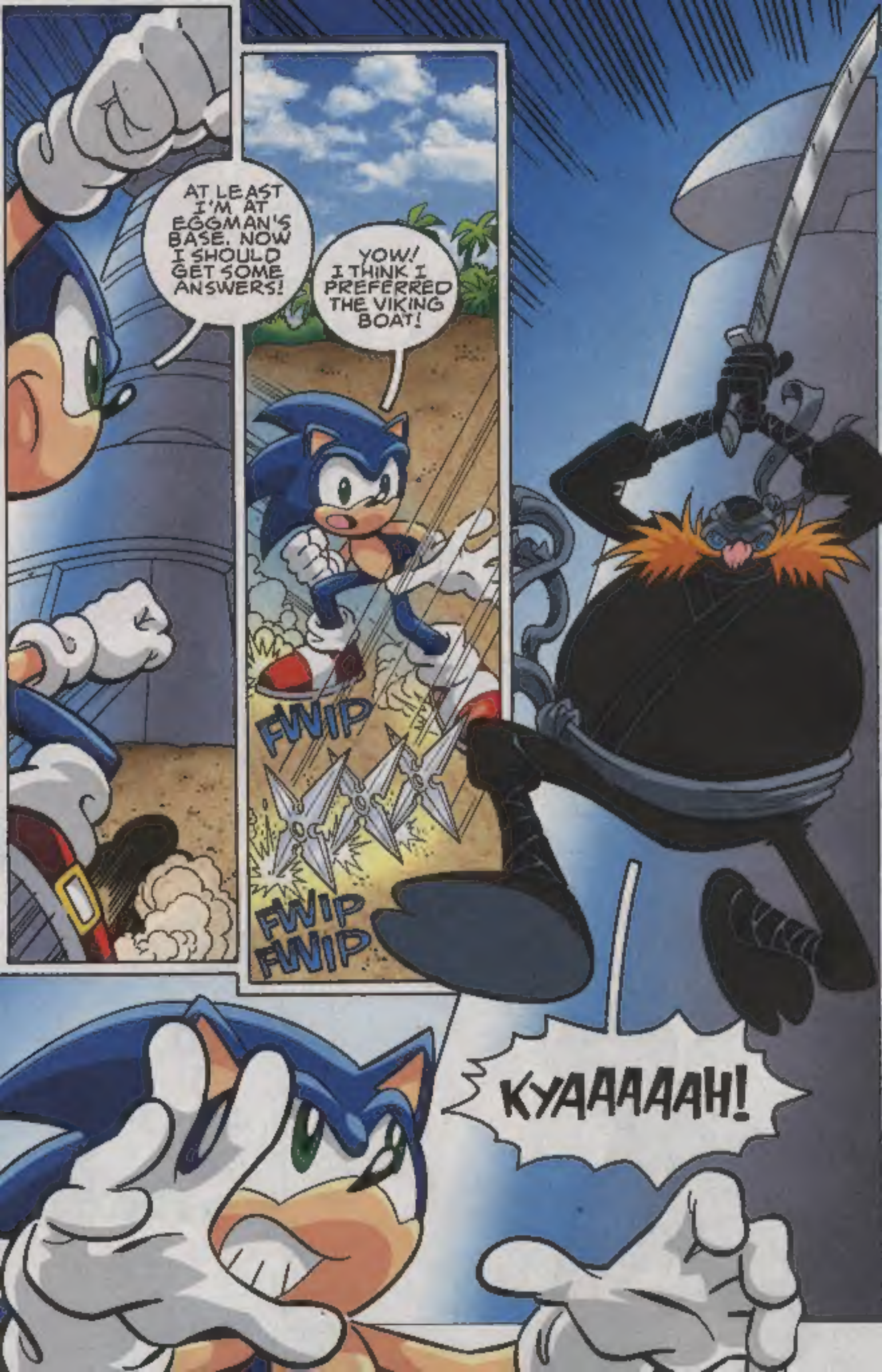
CANNON, YOU BE HEREBY PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN. *YOU* GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP!

KABOOM!

FWEEEEEEEE

YARR! HARR! HARR!

WE'RE GETTING INTO A RUT!


AT LEAST I'M AT EGGMAN'S BASE. NOW I SHOULD GET SOME ANSWERS!
YOW! I THINK I PREFERRED THE VIKING BOAT!
FWIP
FWIP FWIP
KYAAAAAH!

YOU DARE CHALLENGE THE SILENT WIND OF DOOM? *WHOOSH!*

RUBBER KATANA! AT LEAST HE'S CONSISTENT.

WHAP

WHAP WHAP

CUT IT OUT!

KYYIPE! FASTER THAN NINJA!

IMPOSSIBLE!

NINJA VANISH!!!

=COUGH!= =COUGH!=

PAF

NOT BAD, EGGMAN. TOO BAD I KNOW WHERE THE "*NINJA VANISHED*" TO!

WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

WH-WHO GOES THERE?!

DECOE? IT'S SONIC!

S-S-SONIC ?

RIGHT I'M LOOKING FOR DR. EGGMAN AND TRYING TO STOP ALL THE CRAZINESS GOING ON TODAY

STOP DOCTOR EGGMAN?!

THANK YOU!

OUR HERO!

SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOCTOR EGGMAN ATE SUPER-SUGARY TREATS THIS MORNING...

.. AND WENT ON SUCH A SUGAR RUSH, HE WENT CRAZY!

THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY FAMILIAR. HOW DID HE GET SUCH A SWEET?

I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, HONEST!

DOCTOR EGGMAN GOT TO PRETEND TO BE EL GRAN GORDO AGAIN.* I JUST WANTED TO PLAY MY OLD EVIL OVERLORD PART AGAIN, TOO!**

*HE RETURNED IN SX # 31!
**THAT WAS IN SX # 27!

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. EGGMAN IS IN A COSTUME-WEARING FRENZY. ALL WE CAN DO IS HIDE UNTIL IT'S OVER.

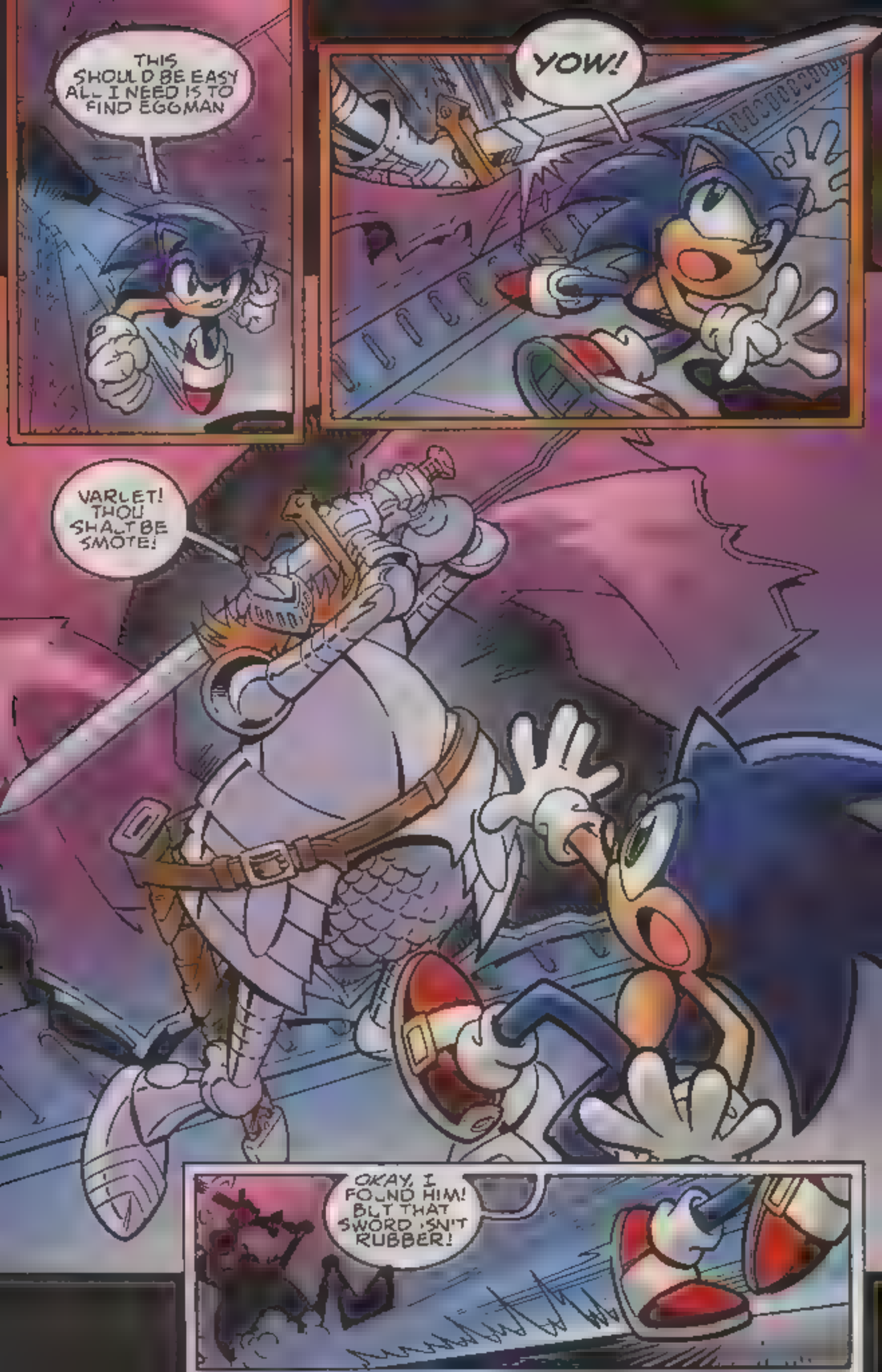
HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE?

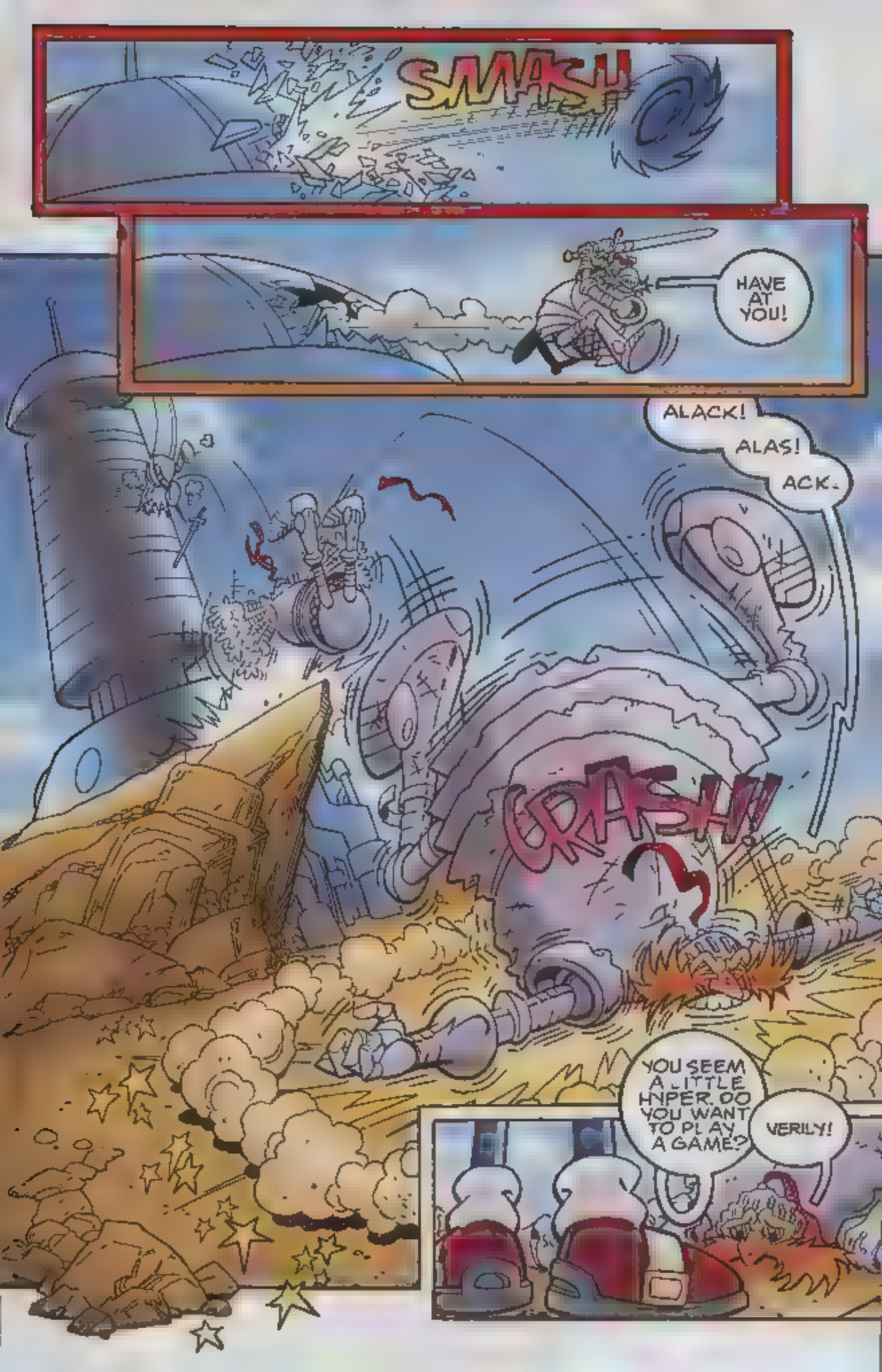
WE'VE BEEN TABULATING THAT SINCE THIS ALL STARTED. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT AT HIS CURRENT RATE, THE DOCTOR WILL BURN IT OFF IN TWO DAYS.

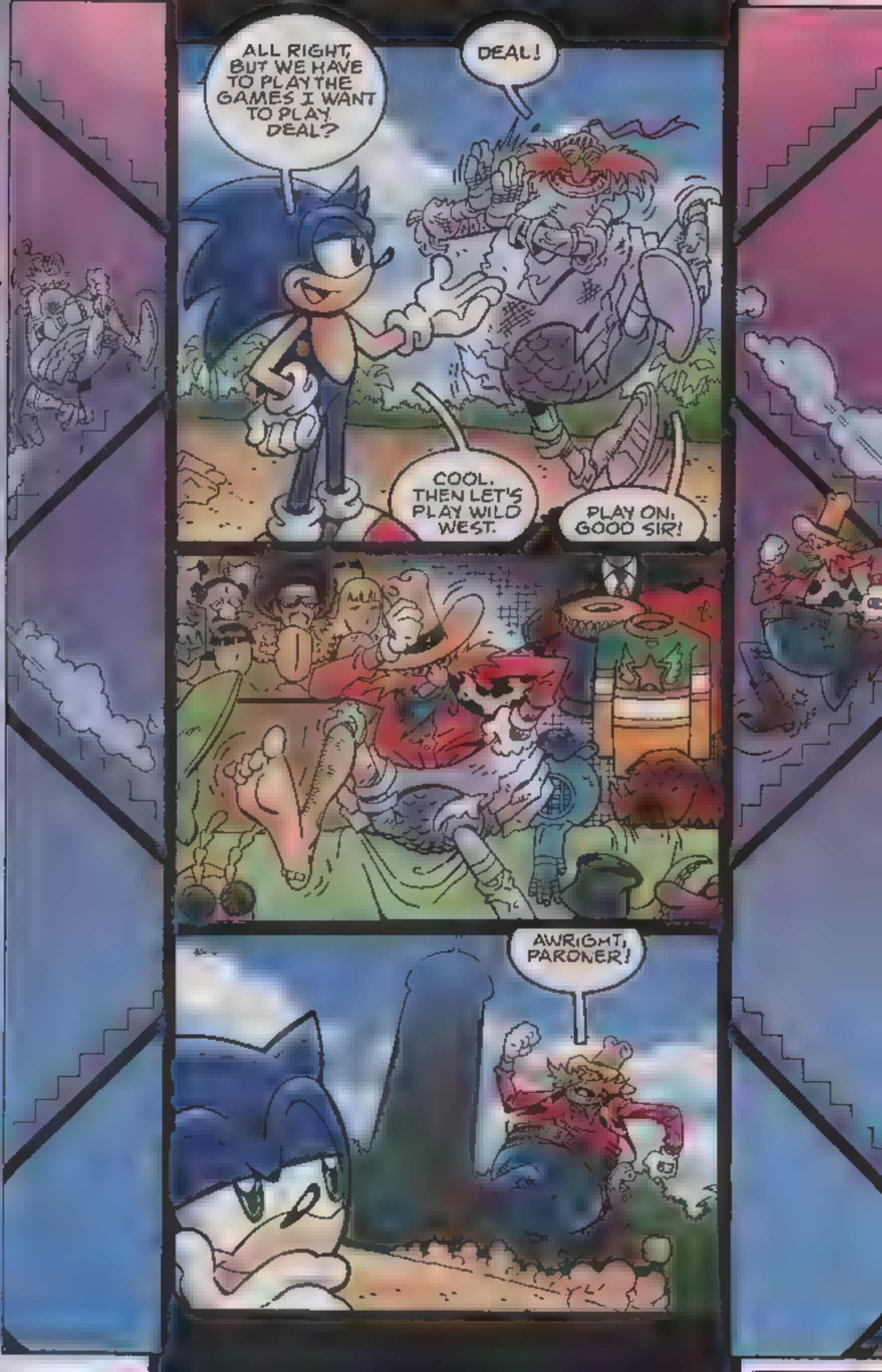
NO WAY! THIS WACKINESS NEEDS TO STOP NOW!

DON'T DO IT, SONIC! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE DOCTOR AS HE IS!

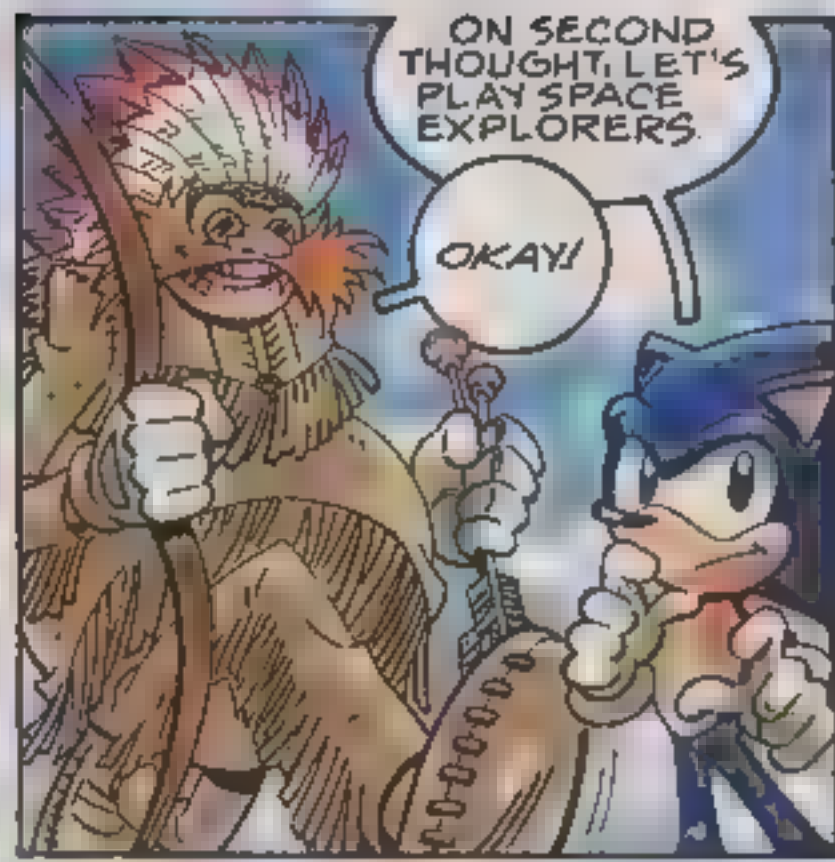
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING? I'VE GOT A PLAN.


THIS SHOULD BE EASY ALL I NEED IS TO FIND EGGMAN
YOW!
VARLET! THOU SHALT BE SMOTE!
OKAY, I FOUND HIM! BUT THAT SWORD ISN'T RUBBER!


SMASH
HAVE AT YOU!
ALACK!
ALAS!
ACK.
CRASH!
YOU SEEM A LITTLE HYPER. DO YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME?
VERILY!


ALL RIGHT, BUT WE HAVE TO PLAY THE GAMES I WANT TO PLAY. DEAL?
DEAL!
COOL. THEN LET'S PLAY WILD WEST.
PLAY ON, GOOD SIR!
AWRIGHT, PARONER!

I WANT TO BE THE COWBOY!
AWRIGHT!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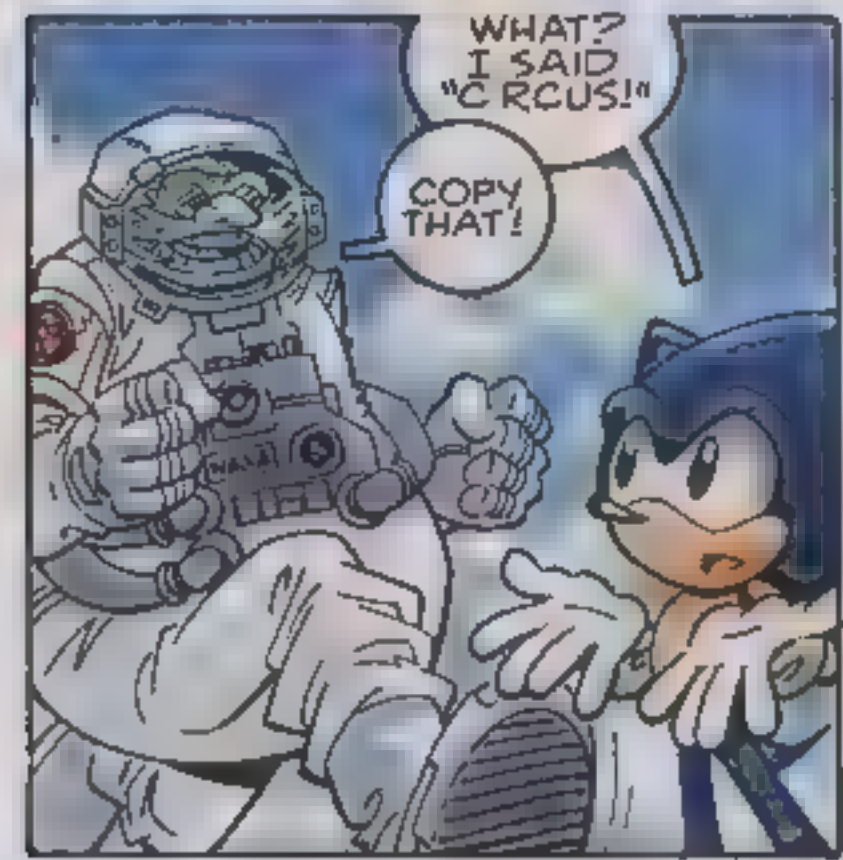
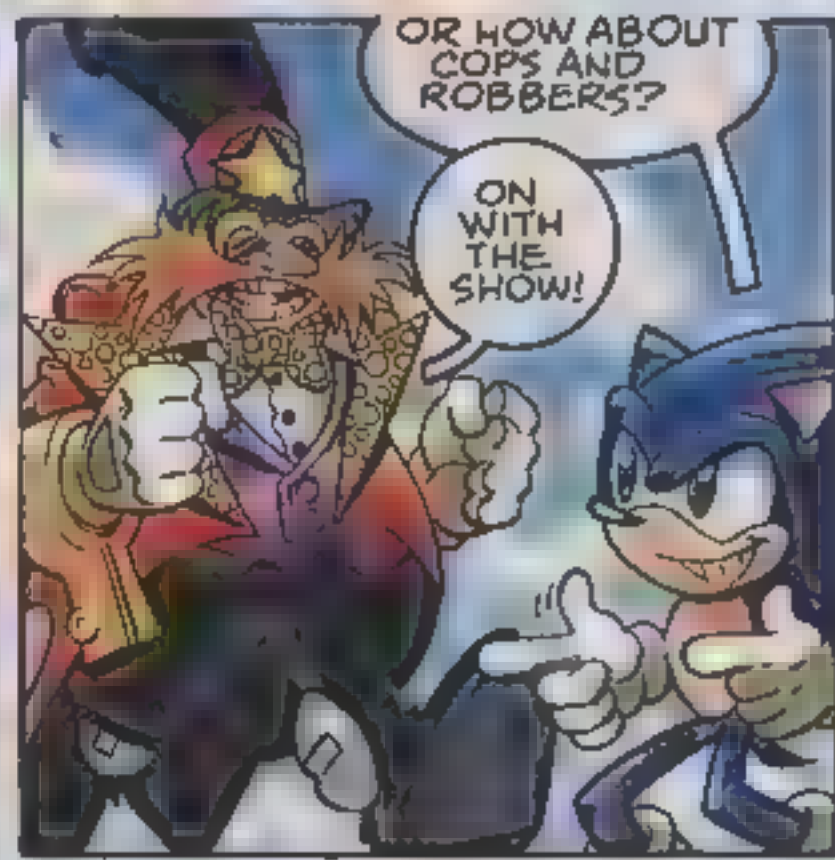
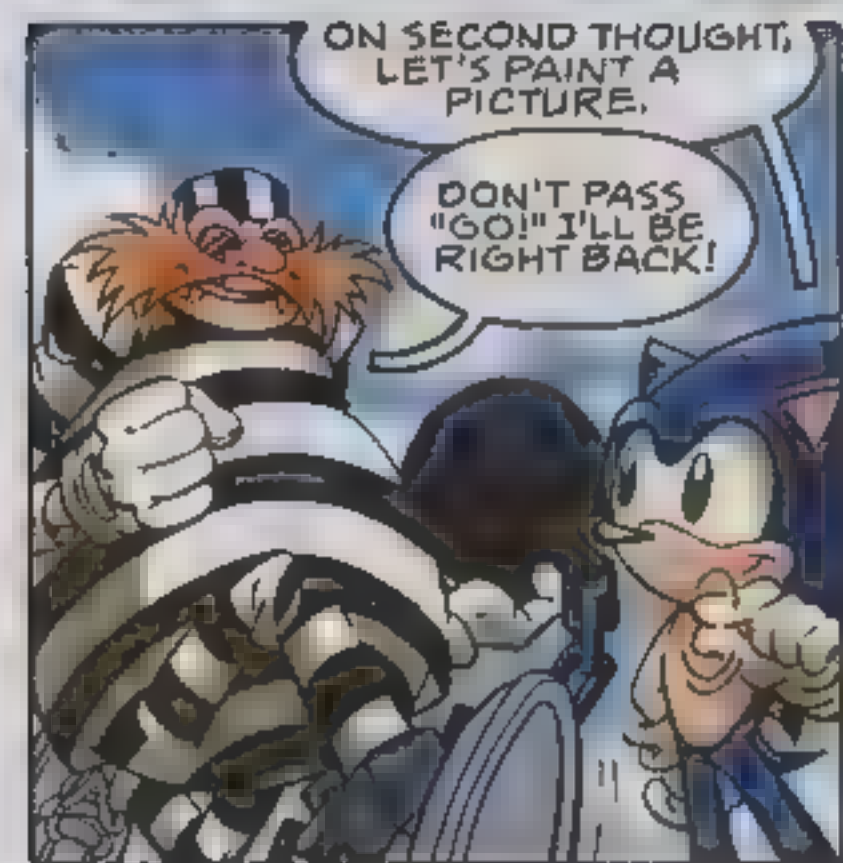
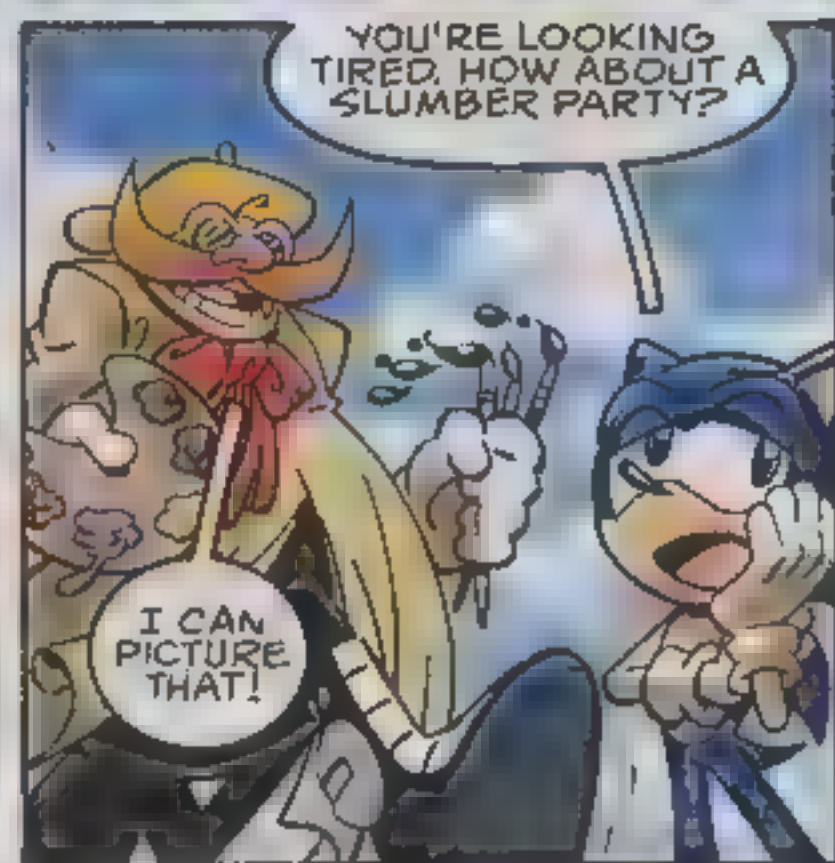
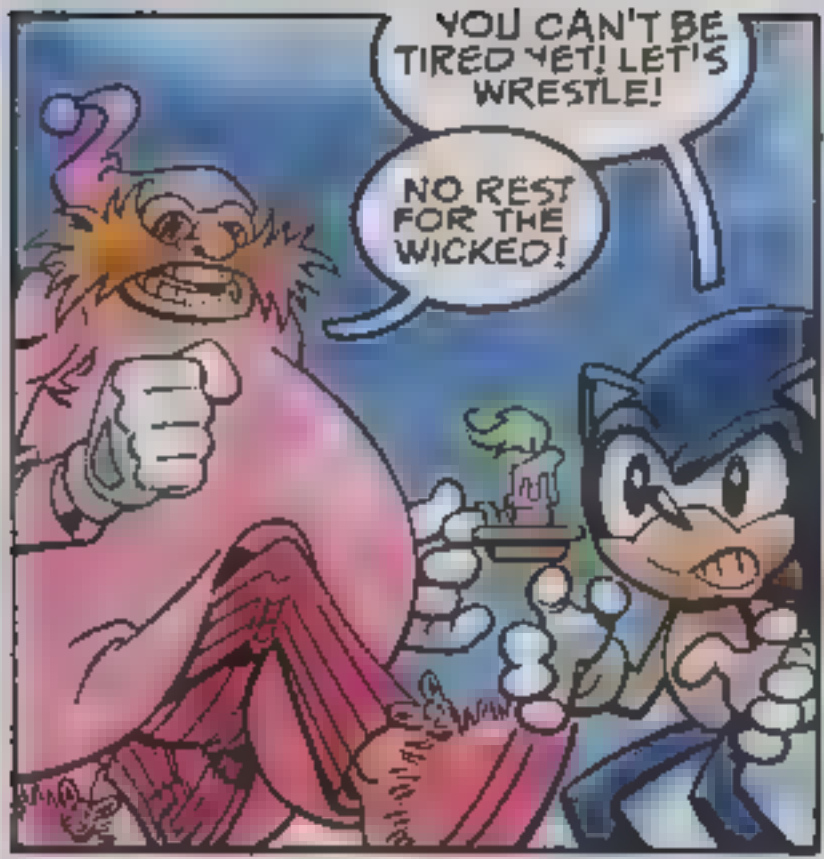
OKAY!


WHAT? I SAID "C RCUS!"
COPY THAT!

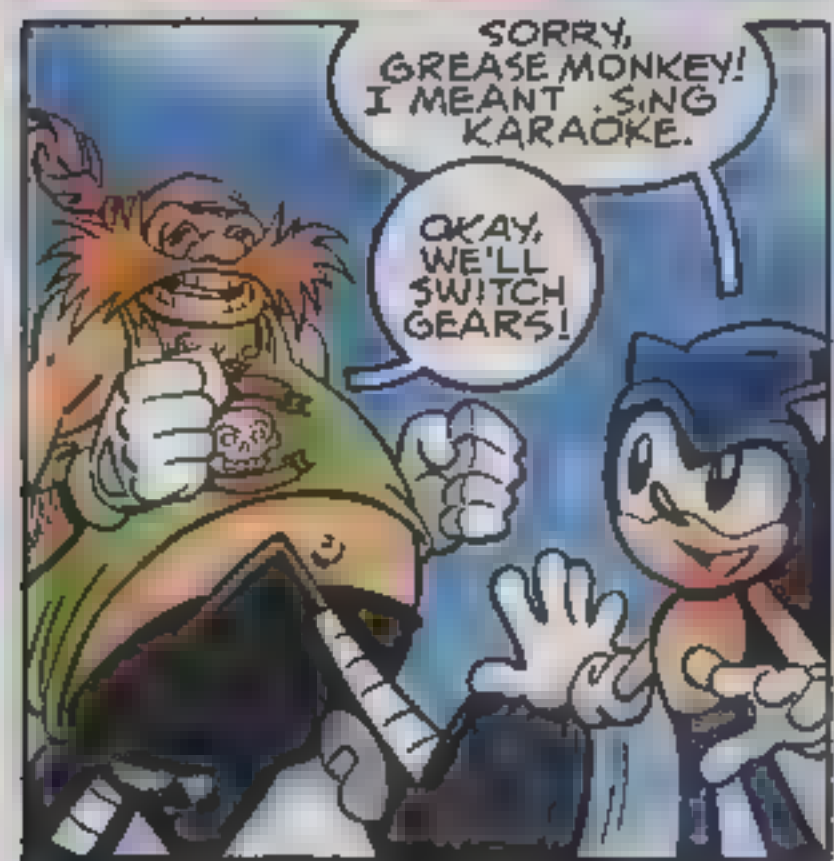

OR HOW ABOUT COPS AND ROBBERS?
ON WITH THE SHOW!

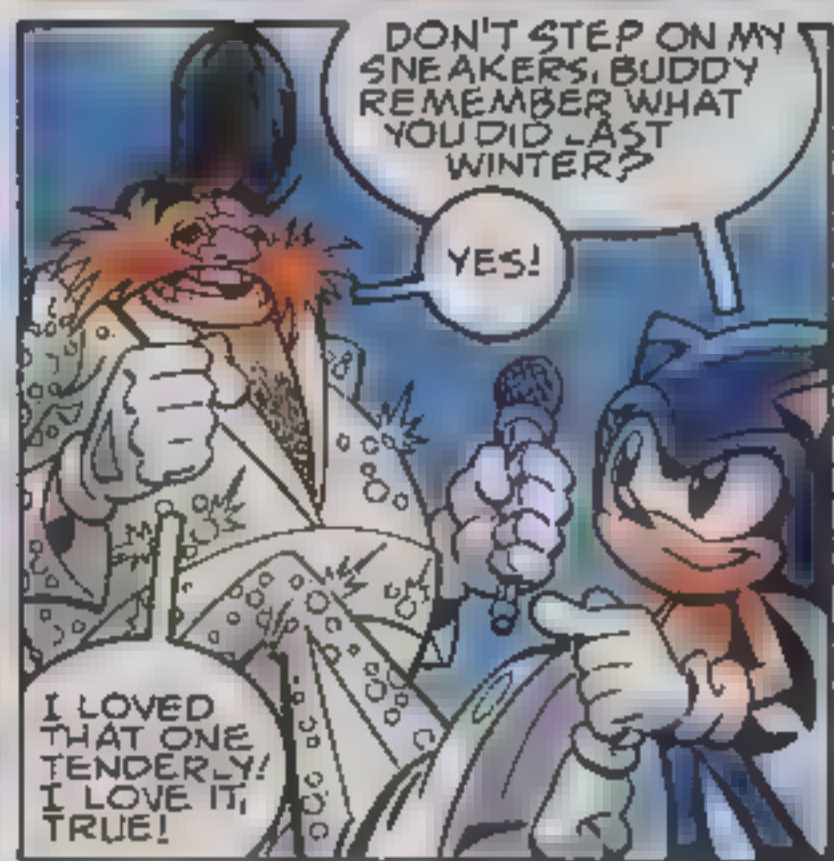

ON SECOND THOUGHT, LET'S PAINT A PICTURE.
DON'T PASS "GO!" I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!


YOU'RE LOOKING TIRED. HOW ABOUT A SLUMBER PARTY?
I CAN PICTURE THAT!

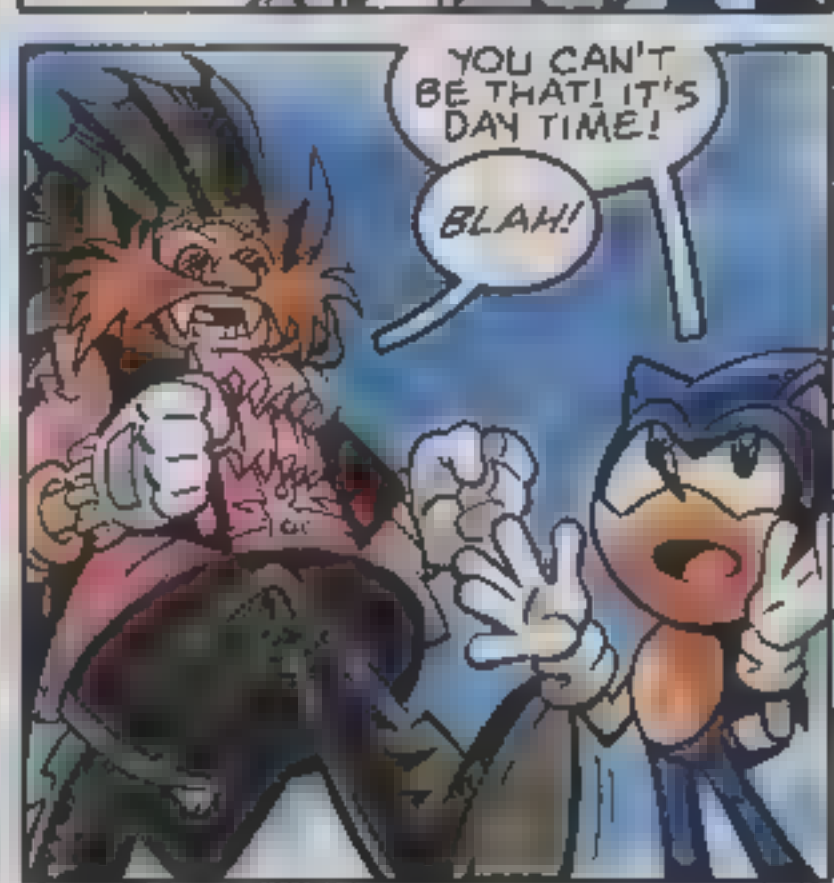

YOU CAN'T BE TIRED YET! LET'S WRESTLE!
NO REST FOR THE WICKED!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GET RID OF THAT COSTUME! LET'S PLAY GARAGE INSTEAD.
¡SI!


SORRY, GREASE MONKEY! I MEANT SING KARAOKE.
OKAY, WE'LL SWITCH GEARS!


DON'T STEP ON MY SNEAKERS, BUDDY REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID LAST WINTER?
YES!
I LOVED THAT ONE TENDERLY! I LOVE IT, TRUE!

CHRISTMAS COMES TOO EARLY EVERY YEAR LET'S TRY ANOTHER HOLIDAY.
HO-HO-H'OKAY!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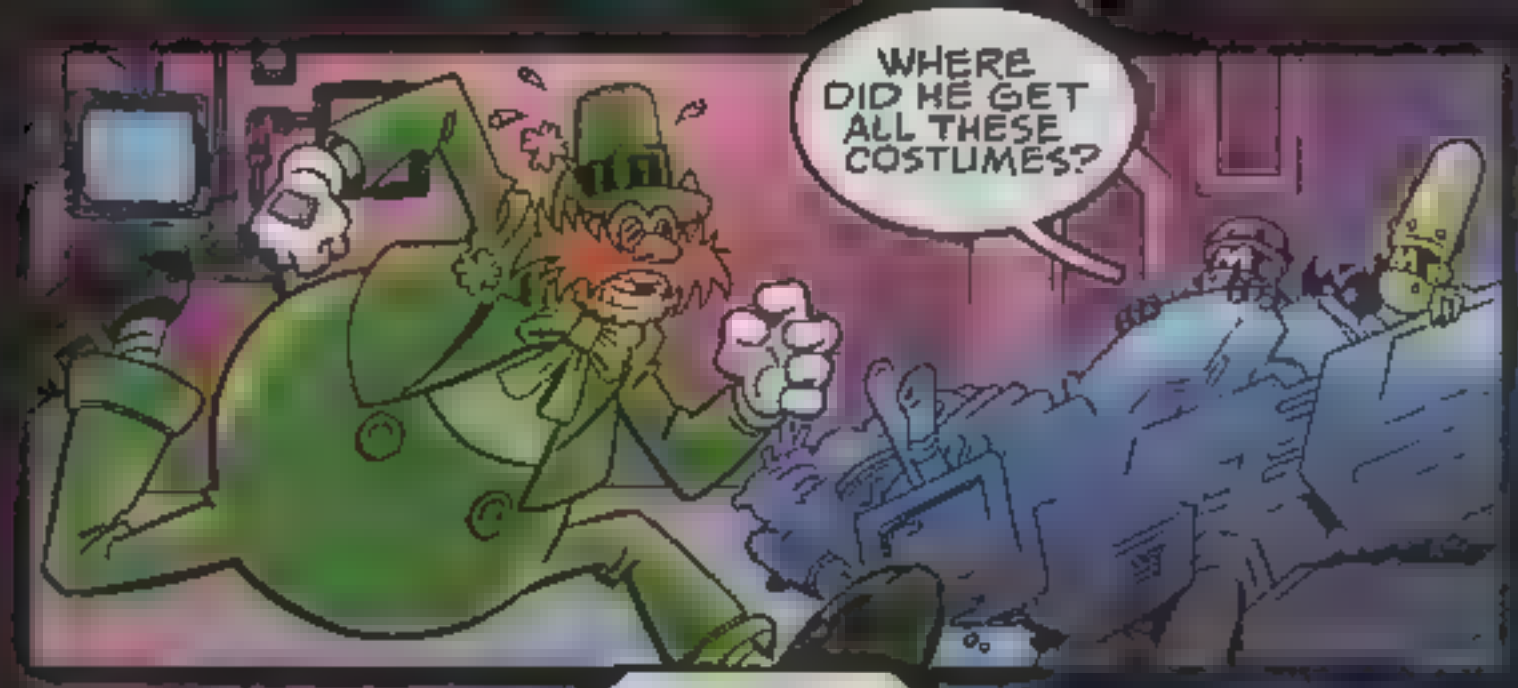
BLAH!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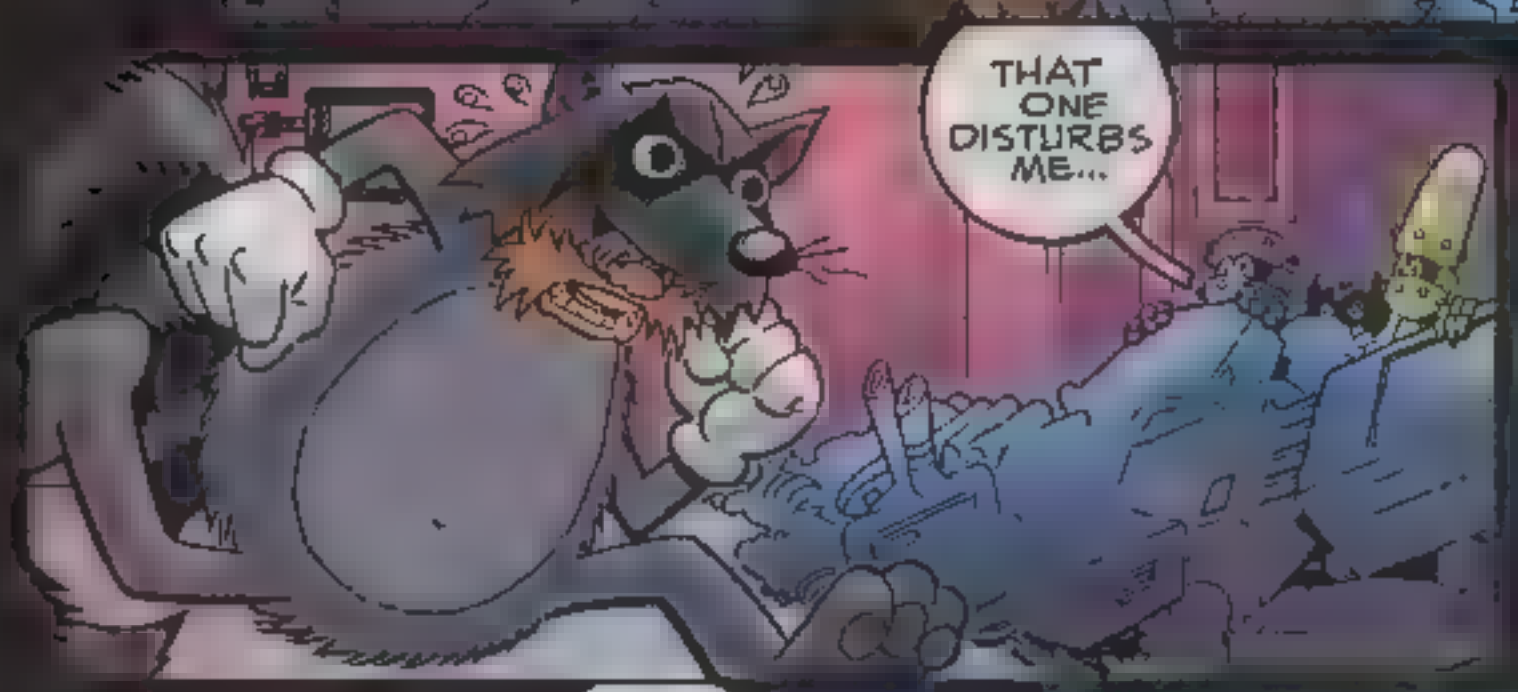
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY DOES HE HAVE THEM?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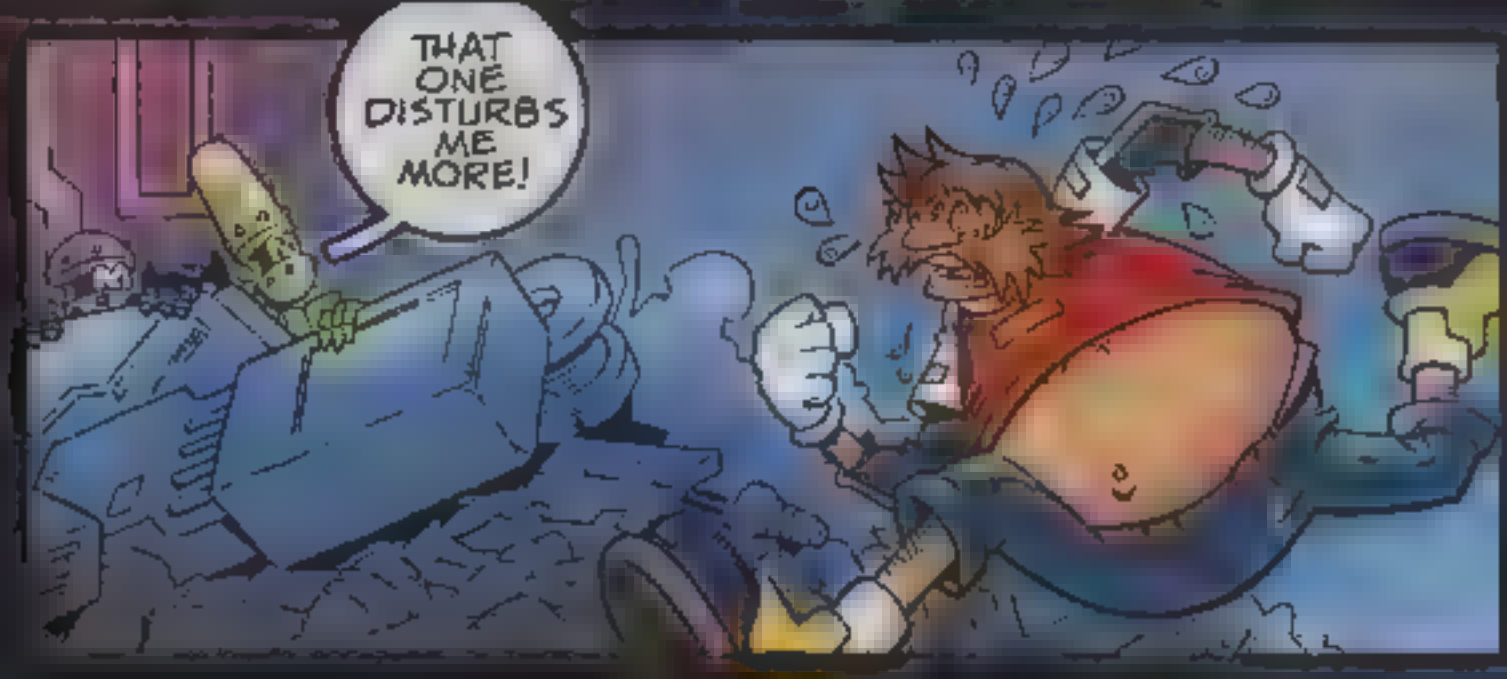
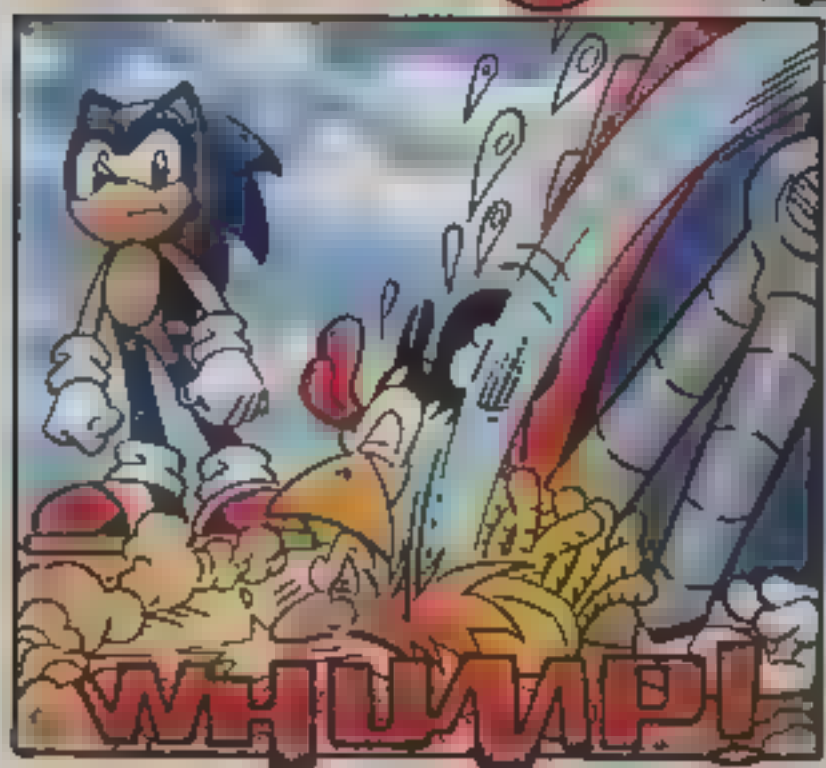
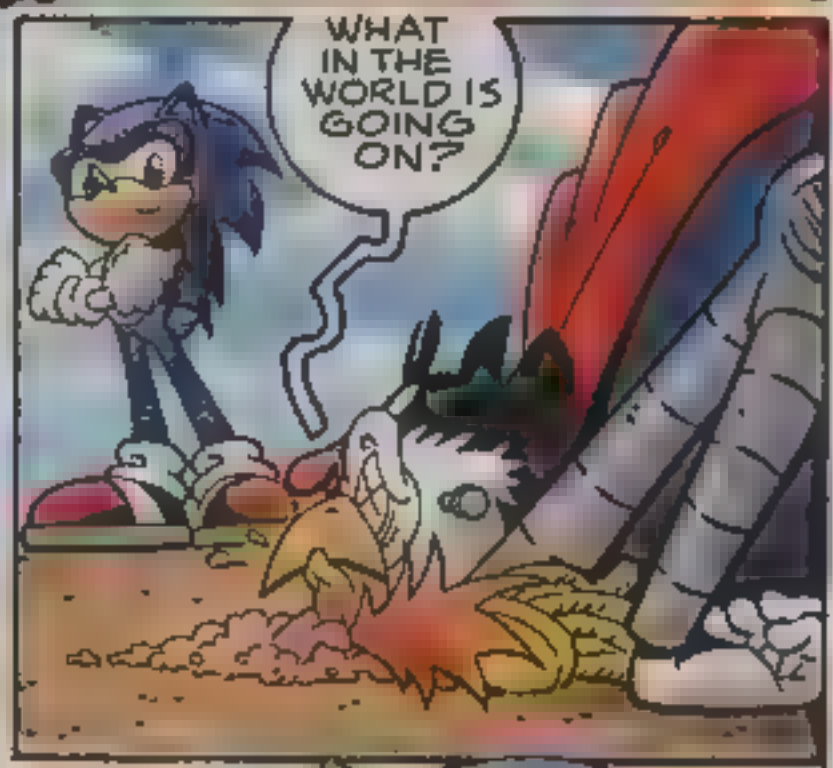
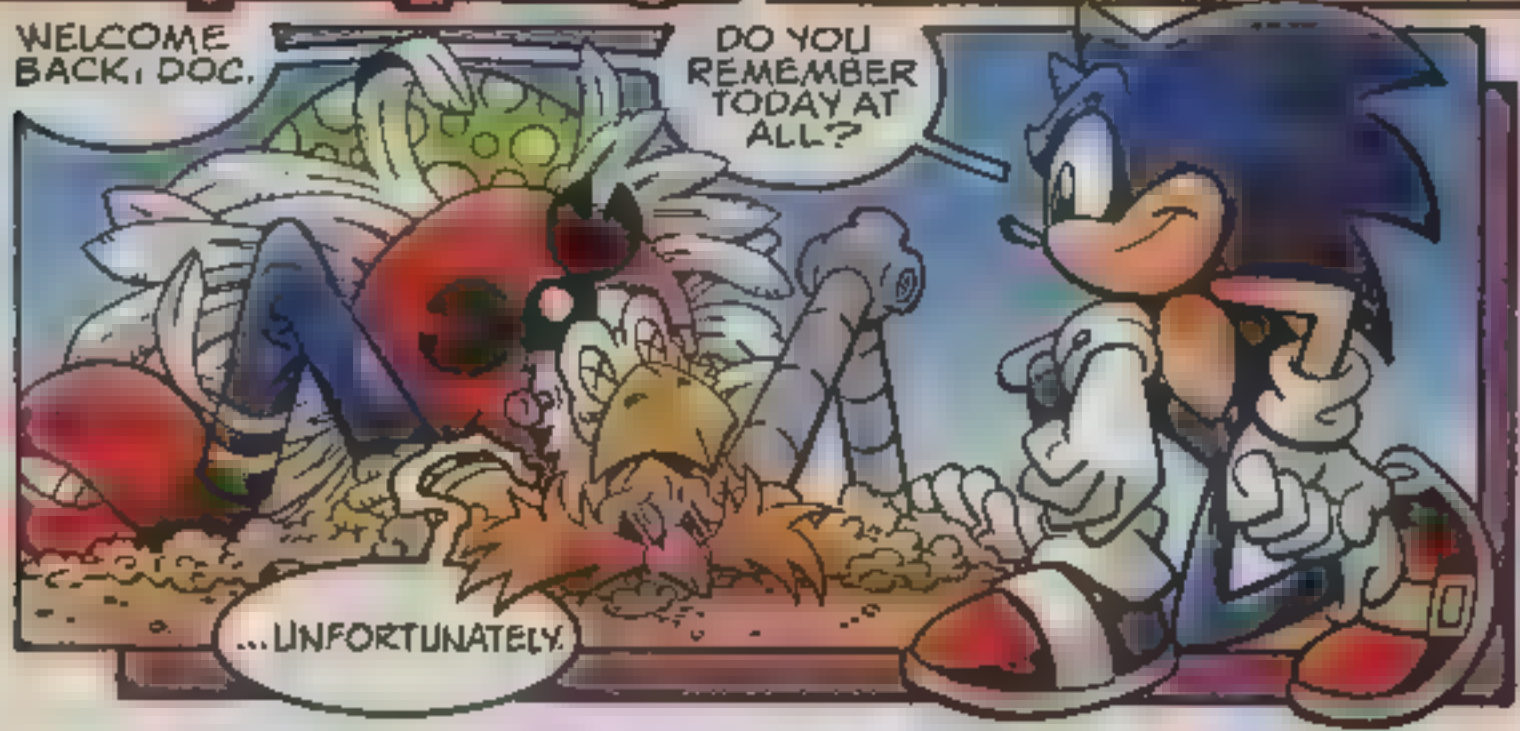
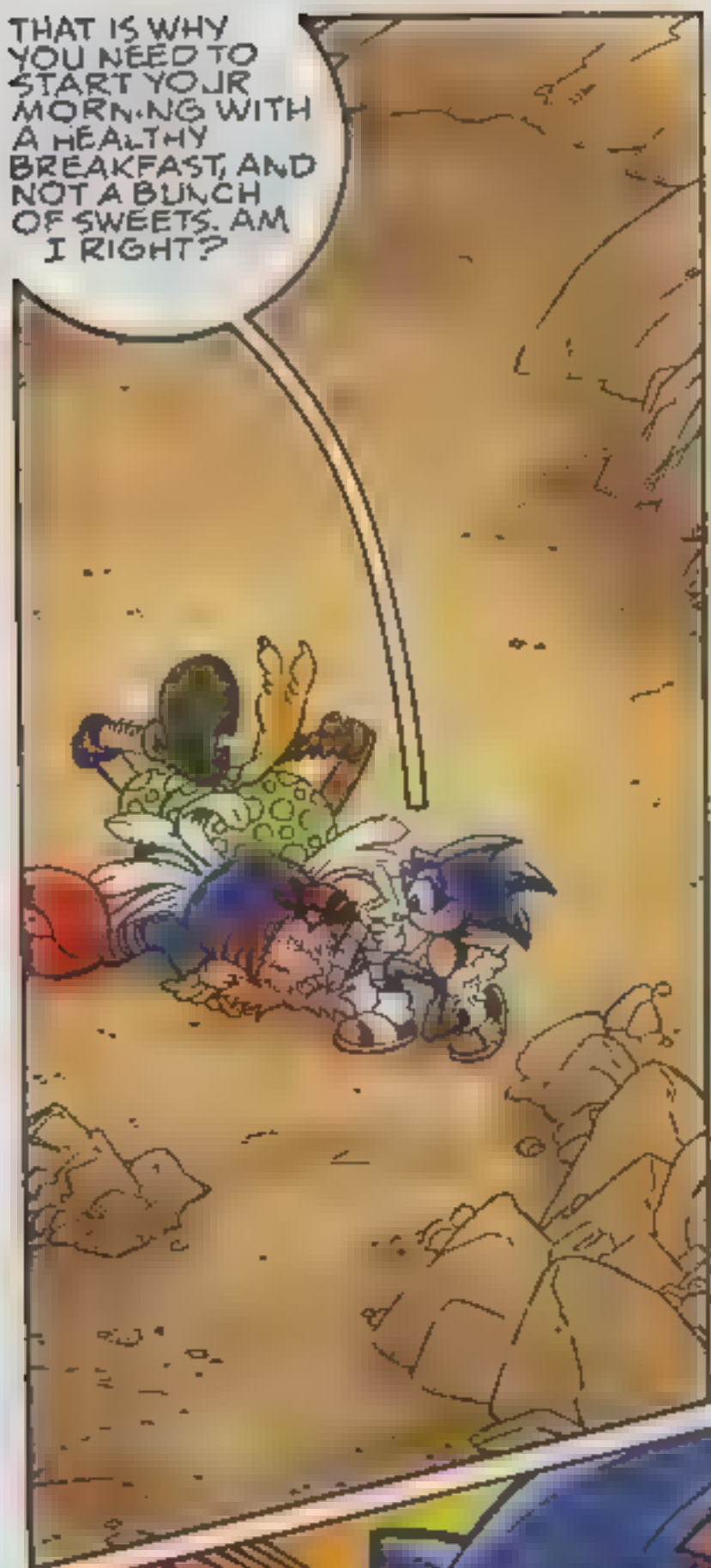

THAT ONE DISTURBS ME MORE!

WHAT ÷GASP÷ WE ÷WHEEZE÷ PLAY ÷GULP÷ NOW? ÷CHOKE÷

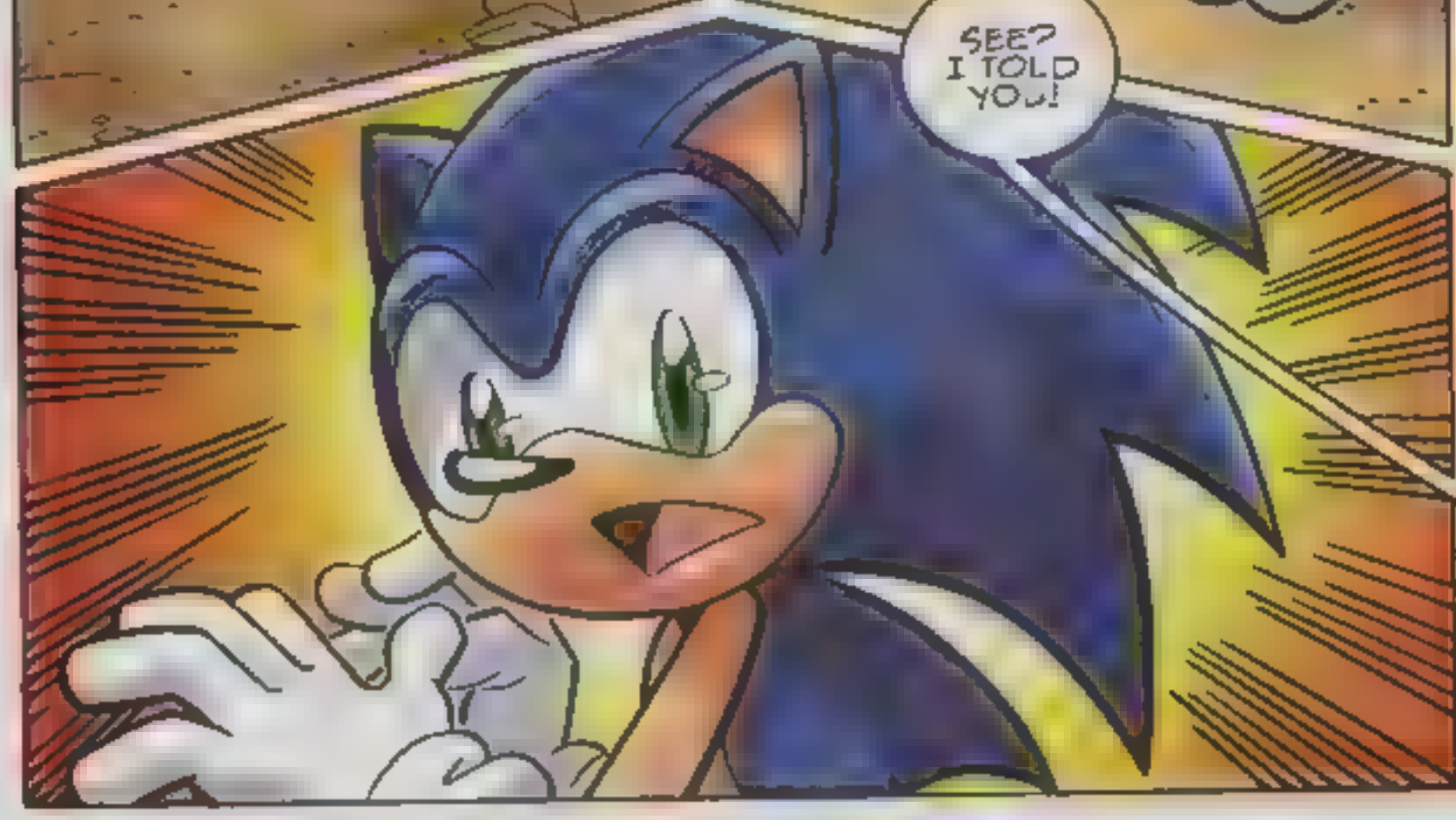







THAT IS WHY YOU NEED TO START YOUR MORNING WITH A HEALTHY BREAKFAST, AND NOT A BUNCH OF SWEETS. AM I RIGHT?

URGH. MY UPSET STOMACH AND I AGREE WITH YOU.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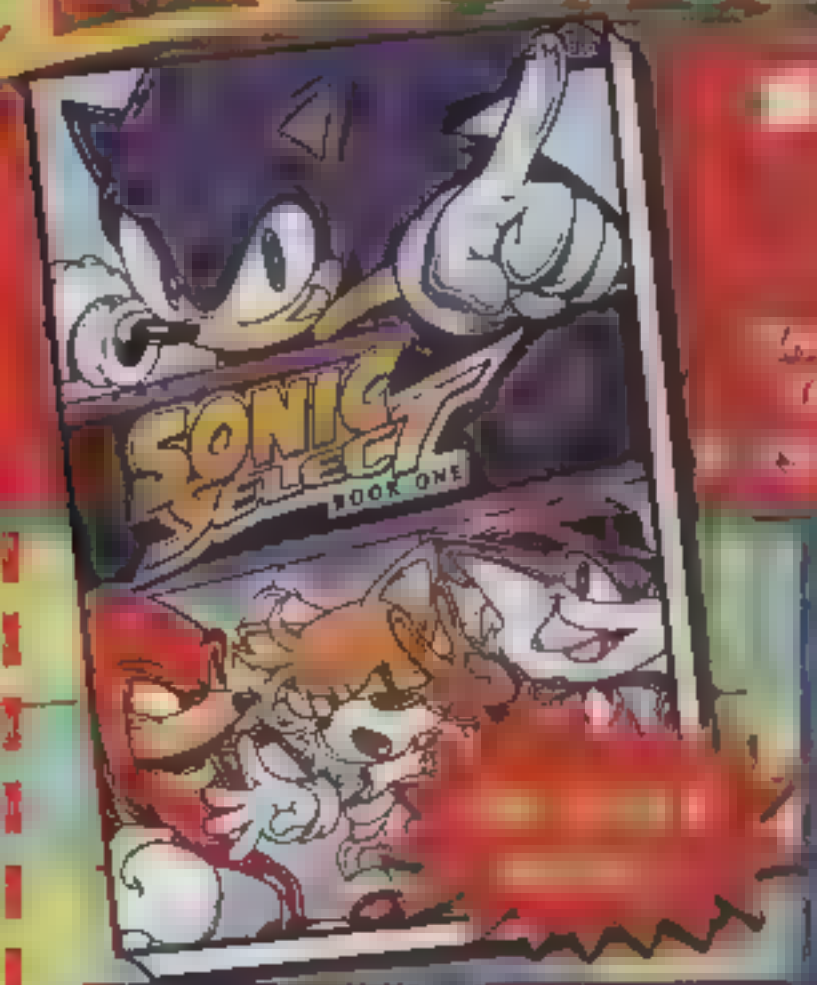

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THE DAY IS YOUNG... THERE ARE STILL SOME CAREER COUNSELORS TO INTERROGATE.

I TELL YOU-- QUADRUPLETS!!! THAT GIVES US FOUR TIMES THE CHANCE TO FIND ONE OF THEM!

IT LOOKS LIKE EGGMAN HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON THIS TIME!
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SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Do you think Eggman's new diet will last? Let's "WEIGHT" and see!

Dear Sonic X-Grams: Could you PLEASE put Amy in more often?! There are many Amy fans out there and the only time she's in the comic is in the background. If you would be so kind to put Amy in more often, that would be great!!!!

- HAYLEY
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With the huge cast that we have, it can be tough to use everyone in every issue. That said, we do try to keep Amy as regular as possible. Even if she isn't always saving the day, she almost always makes an appearance. But if you still feel like you're not getting enough Amy in your life (and who is, except maybe for Sonic), look over in the pages of "Sonic the Hedgehog", especially issues 193-194! (SHAMELESS PLUG #1!!)

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I've been Sonic-crazy since I saw an episode of SONIC X on channel 3 when I was about 10. My school had a Gamecube and I used to play "Sonic Adventure 2" almost every lunchtime.

That's right, Joanna: A healthy lunch of "Sonic" games is a nutritious addition to ANY day!

I'm 13 years old and I live in England. I get the comics on E-bay and my favourite issue so far is the first issue and issue #138.

"Favorite" spelled with a "u"? Now we know you're from the UK!

How long does it take to make an issue?

We usually work a good six months in advance, and that's about the time it takes from a story to go from script form to final print!

Sonic can't swim, but in "A Crowning Achievement", he swims! What's with that?

- JOANNA
ENGLAND

Swim lessons which he forgot when he got older? Seriously though, many of the current Sonic trademarks were not fully established until well into the series, so those super-early issues reflected what was true at the time, not necessarily nowadays! But hey, we love hearing about your confusion concerning the earliest issues, because it means you're all buying SONIC ARCHIVES (SHAMELESS PLUG #2!)

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"Petastrophe" – It's raining cats and...hedgehogs?! It's true! Sonic enters in a Pet Competition against Chris' school rival and Dr. Eggman! And you'll never guess who (or what) the good doctor uses for his "pet"!

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